

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Middle District of Tennessee

United States of America

v.

GRIFFIN ISAAH JEFFERSON

Case No.

19-MJ-2093

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of June 5, 2019 in the county of Davidson in the Middle District of Tennessee, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section

Offense Description

Title 18, United States Code,
Sections 922(g)(1) and 924

Possession of a firearm by a previously convicted felon

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

Please see the attached statement in support of criminal complaint.

☒ Continued on the attached sheet.



Complainant's signature

ATF S/A Raymond M. Madison

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 06/06/2019



Judge's signature

City and state: NASHVILLE, TN

Jeffrey S. Frensley, United States Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, Raymond M. Morgan, having been duly sworn, hereby depose and swear to the following:

1. I am a Special Agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives ("ATF") and have been so employed since November 2015. I am currently assigned to the Nashville Field Division, Nashville V Field Office. As a Special Agent for the ATF, I am familiar with federal statutes, including: 18 U.S.C. § 922(g), which makes it unlawful for a prohibited person – defined as a person who has been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one (1) year – to possess, in and affecting commerce, a firearm.

2. The facts contained in this affidavit are based on first-hand knowledge or information learned during this investigation from law enforcement sources or from witnesses. This affidavit does not contain each and every detail known by your affiant regarding this investigation. Instead, this affidavit provides information necessary to establish probable cause to arrest Griffin Isaiah Jefferson for a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1), 18 U.S.C. § 924(c), 18 U.S.C. § 931, and 21 U.S.C. § 841(a). Except where indicated, all statements referenced herein are set forth in substance and in part, rather than verbatim.

3. On June 5, 2019, Metro Nashville Police Department ("MNPDP") Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Officers observed Griffin Jefferson driving a blue Chevrolet Malibu in the vicinity of White's Creek Pike and Trinity Lane in Nashville, TN. Officers were able to confirm that Jefferson did, in fact, have outstanding Davidson County warrants. Officers subsequently executed a vehicle "jam" and took Jefferson into custody. During search of the vehicle, MNPDP Officers recovered an SCCY model CPX-2, 9mm pistol bearing serial number 126315 loaded with ammunition from the space between the driver's seat and center console. A spare magazine loaded with 9mm ammunition was also recovered from the vehicle. Officers recovered approximately 0.5 grams of suspected methamphetamine and multiple small Ziploc bags from the driver's side door. A Ziploc bag of 9mm ammunition and approximately 0.5 grams of suspected cocaine folded in a \$20.00 bill were recovered from the center console armrest. A set of body armor and digital scales was also recovered from the vehicle.

4. Jefferson was transported to MNPDP North Precinct following his arrest. While at MNPDP North Precinct, Jefferson was interviewed by multiple MNPDP Detectives regarding outstanding warrants and related incidents. Prior to the interviews, Jefferson was advised of his Miranda Rights by Detective Lindsey Smith via the MNPDP Rights Waiver Form. Jefferson signed the advice of rights and agreed to speak with law enforcement.

5. At approximately 10:00 AM, ATF SA Madison and MNPDP Detective P. Nies interviewed Jefferson regarding the circumstances and result of his arrest earlier that day. During the interview, Jefferson advised that he sells cocaine, methamphetamine, and heroin. Jefferson admitted to his status as a Gangster Disciple street gang member. Jefferson was not aware that there were any narcotics in the vehicle, but if Officers recovered narcotics, that they belonged to him. Jefferson stated that he possessed the firearm recovered during his arrest for protection. He stated that he had been shot at numerous times recently. Jefferson found the SCCY 9mm, abandoned in a parking lot approximately three days ago. Jefferson acquired the spare magazine for the pistol and the additional 9mm rounds from a friend. Jefferson stated that he found the body armor in a parking lot prior to his arrest and took possession of it.

6. Jefferson stated that he purchased cocaine for \$1,200.00 an ounce, methamphetamine for \$300.00 an ounce, and heroin for \$2,400.00 an ounce regularly for resale.

7. Griffin Isaiah Jefferson is a convicted felon having been convicted in Davidson County, Tennessee for the offenses of Evading Arrest (Flight) in 2104, Aggravated Assault in 2014, Evading Arrest (Flight) in 2014, Aggravated Assault in 2014, Aggravated Burglary in 2014, and Theft of Property - \$1,000-\$10,000.

8. An ATF Firearms Interstate Nexus Expert was analyzed the firearm described herein. The ATF Firearms Interstate Nexus expert determined that the firearm is a firearm, as defined by 18 U.S.C. § 921(a)(3), and that the firearm was not manufactured in the state of Tennessee; and, therefore, at some point in time, traveled in and affected interstate or foreign commerce.